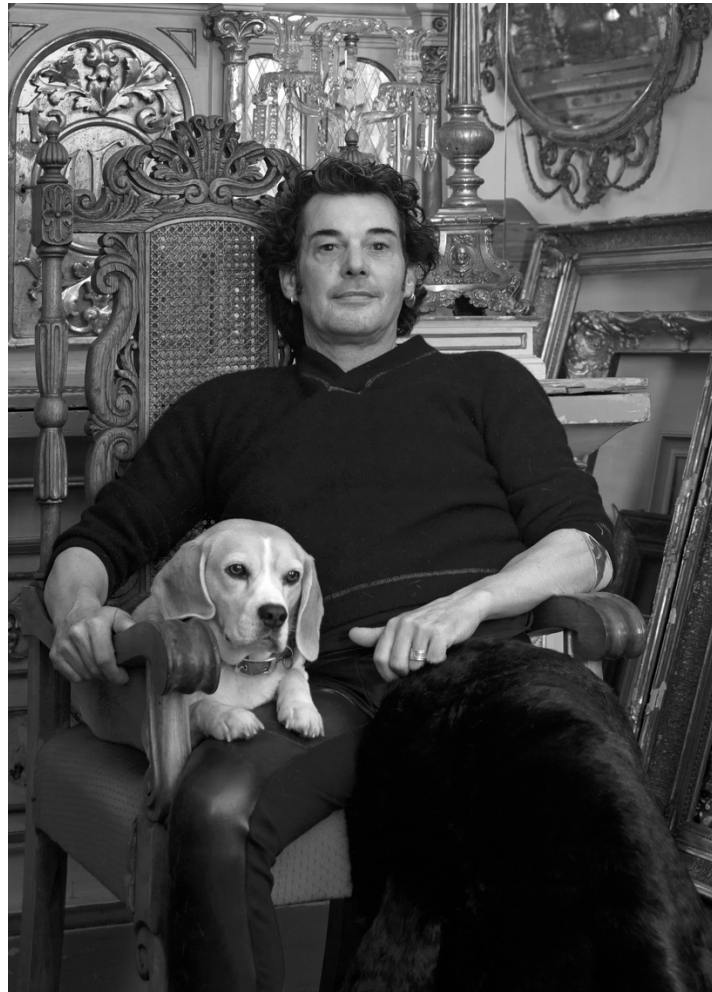


Service to Celebrate the Life of
Simon Peter Ryan



19th February 1963 – 12th September 2025

St John the Baptist Church, 61 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill, 3068
Thursday 6th November 2025, 10:30am

Celebrant: Rev. Max Vodola

Organist: Mr Coady Green

Choir: Divisi
Marjorie Butcher (Soprano)
Alex Ritter (Counter-tenor)
Alex Gorbatov (Tenor, director)
Alex Owens (Bass)

Tolling of the Bells

Welcome

Shane Carmody

Entrance music

Coady Green

(please stand)

Greeting

Rev. Max Vodola

Priest In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen

Priest The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And with your spirit.

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Rev. Max Vodola

Priest In Baptism, Simon was given a share in the death and resurrection of Christ. As we gather today to celebrate the mystery of faith, we greet the body of our brother.

All May he now share in eternal life with Christ in glory.

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Dominic Marafioti

Priest In Baptism, Simon received the light of Christ. This light has guided him through life.

All May it now lead him to eternal life.

Placing of the Pall

Michele Williams & Alexa Carmody

Priest In Baptism, Simon was clothed in the white garment
and was asked to wear it through his life with the love
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **May he now be wrapped in the eternal love of our
Lord Jesus Christ.**

Introduction

(please stand)

Penitential Rite

Choir

Kyrie Eleison	Lord have Mercy
Christe Eleison	Christ have Mercy
Kyrie Eleison	Lord have Mercy

Opening Prayer

Priest Let us Pray. O God, almighty Father, our faith professes
that your son died and rose again; mercifully grant, that
through this mystery your servant Simon, who has
fallen asleep in Christ, may rejoice to rise again through
Him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

First Reading

(please be

seated)

Emma Ryan

A reading from Corinthians 13: 1-13

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now, we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23 – The Lord is My Shepherd (Crimmond) - Choir

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me, The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again, And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no
ill; For thou art with me; and thy rod, And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life, Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forever more, My dwelling place shall be.

Gospel Acclamation

(please stand)

Priest Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Priest I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And with your spirit.

Priest A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John
John 21:15-19

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

seated)

(please be

Creed

(Choir)

Credo in Deum Patrem
omnipotentem, Creatorem caeli et terrae,
et in Iesum Christum, Filium Eius
unicum, Dominum nostrum,
qui conceptus est de Spiritu Sancto,
natus ex Maria Virgine,
passus sub Pontio Pilato,
crucifixus, mortuus, et sepultus,
descendit ad inferos, tertia die resurrexit
a mortuis,
ascendit ad caelos, sedet ad
dexteram Dei Patris omnipotentis,
inde venturus est iudicare vivos et
mortuos.
Credo in Spiritum Sanctum, sanctam
Ecclesiam catholicam,
sanctorum communionem, carnis
resurrectionem, vitam aeternam. Amen.

I believe in God the Father
almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our
Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary,
who suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died, and was buried,
descended into hell, rose again from the
dead on the third day,
ascended into heaven and is seated at
the right hand of God the
Father almighty,
who will come again to judge the living
and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the
holy Catholic Church, the communion of
saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection
of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

Luke Ryan, Dianne Mulkearns, Mike O'Brien & Bridget McDonnell

Priest *Father, we are here at the conclusion of one life, to celebrate, though with sadness, the beginning of a new life. In the shadow of this death which now clouds our joy, let us call upon the Lord, that he might lift us up to new life in the same Christ, our risen Saviour.*

Luke Ryan

We give thanks for Simon and for the warmth of his love. Help us to see in our grief the joy that he brought to us.

Reader Lord hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Dianne Mulkearns

We pray in thanks for those who cared for Simon in his illness, especially the Doctors, Nurses and staff at St Vincent's Hospital. Let us always be grateful for their care.

Reader Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Mike O'Brien

We remember Simon's passion for our heritage and environment. Help us to be better custodians of Your creation so that we can share this with future generations.

Reader Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Bridget McDonnell

We give thanks for Simon's creativity and ask You to bless artists, musicians and all who use their gifts to enrich our lives. May You help us to see beauty every day.

Reader Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest God of the living and the dead, hear us, and at the hour of death welcome us into your kingdom, where Jesus is Lord for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

(please stand)

Priest At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Priest Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Sign of Peace

Priest Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Priest The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

All And with your spirit.

Everyone shakes hands

Priest Let us now be seated to hear some of Simon's favourite music and reflections on his life.

Music

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth

Georg Friedrich Handel, The Messiah

Marjorie Butcher (Soprano) accompanied by Coady Green.

Eulogy

Adam Ryan

Music

Danny Boy – Choir

Eulogy

Shane Carmody

Photo Tribute

Final Commendation

Priest Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother Simon. May our farewell express our affection for him, may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him again, when the love of Christ, which conquers all things and destroys even death itself.

The coffin is sprinkled with Holy Water and then Incensed.

Priest Saints of God, come to his aid! Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord.

All Receive his soul and present him to God the most high.

Priest May Christ, who called you, take you to himself; may angels lead you into the bosom of Abraham.

All Receive his soul and present him to God the most high.

Priest Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

All Receive his soul and present him to God the most high.

Priest Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Simon, in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with Him on the last day. Merciful Lord, turn to us and listen to our prayers, open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with the assurances of faith, until we all meet Christ and are with you and with our brother forever.

All Amen.

Priest May the angels lead you into paradise, may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you into the Holy City, the new and eternal Jerusalem. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

All Amen.

Salve Regina

Choir

Salve, Regina, mater misericordiae;
Vita, dulcedo et spes nostra salve.
Ad te clamamus, exsules filii Hevae.
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.
Eia ergo, advocata nostra,
illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos
converte.
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris
tui,
nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.
O clemens, o pia, o dulcis Virgo Maria.

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy
Hail our life, our sweetness and our
hope
To Thee do we cry, poor banished
children of Eve,
To Thee do we send up our sighs
Mourning and weeping in this valley of
tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
Thine eyes of mercy towards us,
And after this, our exile, show unto us
The blessed fruit of Thy womb, Jesus.
Oh clement, oh loving, oh sweet
Virgin Mary.

Organ Recessional

Tolling of the Bells

After the service you are invited to join Simon's
family for refreshments at the Clifton Hill Hotel,
89 Queen's Parade, Clifton Hill.

Simon was given exceptional care by St Vincent's
Hospital during his final illness. You are invited to
make a donation in his memory either through the
envelopes available in the Church or at
<https://www.stvfoundation.org.au/fundraiser/shanepatrick/in-memory-of-simon-ryan>

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